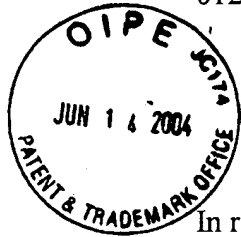


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	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
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	:	Allowed: May 26, 2004
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD	:	June 14, 2004

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, dated May 26, 2004, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due on August 26, 2004, and has not yet been paid.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the application, on August 27, 2003. To date, Applicants have not yet received acknowledgment of that Information Disclosure Statement, such as, a citation form annotated with the Examiner's initials and date acknowledging receipt and consideration of the cited art. (It is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2003, has been acknowledged.) It is

submitted that the August 27th Information Disclosure Statement and the cited art were properly submitted and satisfied all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

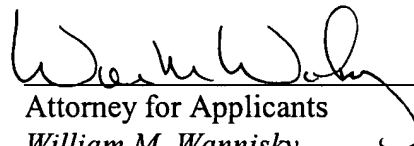
Attached is a copy of the August 27th Information Disclosure Statement and date-stamped postcard showing receipt of these papers in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York office at the below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed patent documents are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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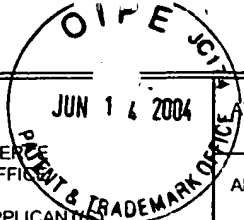
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